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SUBJ: KHMER ISSUE: RWANDA POSITION

REF: USUN 5520 (NOTAL)

1. DUE ABSENCE FROM KIGALI BOTH FONMIN NSEKALIJE
AND MOFA SECGEN NGARUKIYINTWALI I CALLED DECEMBER 11
ON MINISTRY DIRGEN FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS. AFTER
BRIEFING DIRGEN ON KHMER ISSUE PER REFTEL, I
EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT PERMREP NKUNDABAGENZI DID NOT
APPEAR FOR DECEMBER 5 VOTE. I ASKED DIRGEN WHETHER HE
COULD CONFIRM SECGEN NGARUKIYINTWALI'S STATEMENT
TO ME OF MORNING DECEMBER 5 THAT RWANDAN DEL WOULD
BE INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT LIBERIAN PROPOSAL (KIGALI 0720).
DIRGEN SAID HE COULD CONFIRM THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD
BEEN SENT, BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH SECGEN
UPON LATTER'S RETURN IN ORDER GIVE ME EXACT WORDING
OF INSTRUCTIONS. DIRGEN SAID HE HAD NO RPT NO IDEA
WHY NKUNDABAGENZI ABSENT FOR DECEMBER 5 VOTE.

2. I STRESSED URGENCY OF MATTER AND EXPRESSED
STRONG HOPE RWANDAN DEL WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO
VOTE AFFIRMATIVELY TO UPHOLD IN PLENARY ANTICIPATED
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DIRGEN REPLIED HE UNDERSTOOD URGENCY AND SAID HE WOULD TRY TO CONTACT SECGEN, BUT EXPRESSED DOUBT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO DO THIS UNTIL LATTER'S EXPECTED RETURN TO KIGALI LATE DECEMBER 12. DIRGEN PROMISED CONTACT EMBASSY WITH GOR RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ASAP.

3. COMMENT: IT CLEAR DIRGEN NOT PREPARED TO MOVE WITHOUT CONSULTING SECGEN. EMBASSY CANNOT THEREFORE BE OPTIMISTIC THAT NEW INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT BY GOR IN TIME FOR EXPECTED DECEMBER 13 VOTE. ALSO APPEARS THAT "GROWING AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR DEFERRAL PROPOSAL" (USUN 5377) DID NOT FULLY MATERIALIZE AND THIS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE LOST ON SECGEN NGARUKIYINTWALI, WHO VERY SENSITIVE TO POSITIONS TAKEN BY MAJORITY OF OAU STATES AND IN PARTICULAR BY LARGE NEIGHBORS SUCH AS ZAIRE AND UGANDA. AS WE REPORTED IN KIGALI 0694, OFFICIAL GOR POSITION ON CAMBODIAN ISSUE IS THAT GOR MUST TAKE ACCOUNT NOT ONLY FRIENDSHIP WITH US, BUT ALSO MEMBERSHIP IN "GREAT FAMILY OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES".

4. WE BELIEVE MOST INFLUENTIAL VOICE WITH RWANDANS ON THIS QUESTION WOULD BE ZAIRE'S. IF ZAIRE DEL CAN BE PERSUADED SUPPORT OUR POSITION, CHANCES OF RWANDAN SUPPORT WOULD BE MUCH IMPROVED. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TRYING PERSUADE GOR BACK OUR POSITION.
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